

Navy-Grumman/ Bethpage, NY:

- FOIA Request EPA-R2-2019-002818 – At EPA's recommendation, the requester agreed to narrow down her search criteria, which she sent to us via email on 02-27-20. She also noted that she would prefer electronic files, and she requested that her search be expanded to include new documents, as they become available. The EPA team for this FOIA plans to meet during the week of March 2nd to discuss our path forward.
- Plume Remediation – On March 24, a closed-door meeting was held between polluters and regulators in response to Newsday's recent exposé regarding Grumman's knowledge of the contamination over many decades. The meeting, which already had been scheduled for other purposes, put Navy and Northrop Grumman representatives together with state officials overseeing the cleanup and town officials. Participants included Rep. Tom Suozzi (D-Glen Cove), Rep. Peter King (R-Seaford), NYSDEC Deputy Commissioner Martin Brand, representatives of the affected community, and representatives of Northrop-Grumman and the Navy. At the meeting, the parties agreed to advance several aspects of the remediation that had been signed off on years ago under NYSDEC plans, but not completed. The plans had been delayed over issues such as easements, permits and additional testing. As a result of the meeting, Town of Oyster Bay Superintendent, Joseph Saladino noted that the town board will consider emergency approval to provide the Navy access to additional land — including a storm basin and utility right of way for piping — for its system to treat a hot spot of highly contaminated groundwater. (Carol Stein, 7-4181).

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